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Pending Pesticide Regulation Changes in Virginia

For all licensed pesticide businesses:

On September 4, 2006 the Virginia Register published as final several amendments to 2 VAC 20-40, the regulations affecting **licensed pesticide businesses**. These regulation amendments become effective October 5, 2006. The most significant change **requires that pesticide businesses keep records of all pesticide applications**. The records will require the same items currently required by regulation for restricted use pesticide applications. Look for more information to be sent to all licensed businesses in October 2006.

For all certified commercial applicators and registered technicians:

Proposed amendments to the Certification Regulation, 2 VAC 20-51, were published in the Virginia Register September 5, and were open for public comment until November 30, 2005. (No comments were received.)* Significant changes being proposed include:

- Clarifying that a *certified commercial applicator supervising an applicator training to become a registered technician* **must actually be watching the application of pesticides by the trainee**
- Require that *once a person is hired or transferred into a position involving commercial pesticide use, all required training and testing would have to be completed within 90 days of such hiring or transfer*
- **Deleting the option of commercial applicators being able to proctor the Registered Technician exam**
- Require that *when a certified registered technician wants to apply pesticides in a category or subcategory that differs from that in which he received his initial on-the-job training, he receive additional training from a Commercial Applicator in specific aspects of pesticide application as it relates to the proposed category or subcategory of work, and report training to OPS*
- **Require all commercial applicators and registered technicians to keep records of all pesticides applied.**

****These proposed amendments will be resubmitted to the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall this fall, and the public will have another opportunity to comment on them.**** For more information, visit www.townhall.state.va.us, Board: Pesticide Control Board, or contact: Dr. Wayne Surles, Secretary to the VPCB

New Manuals and Exams Released: New manuals for **Turf Pest Control, Right of Way, Aerial Application, Fumigation (Non-Ag), and Fumigation of Soil and Agricultural Products** were released December 2005, with new exams for all these categories in place at DMV since **January 9, 2006**. Contact OPS at 804/786-3798 for the latest manual information before you test.

WE HAVE MOVED: Our new street address is **102 Governor Street, First Floor, Richmond, VA 23219**. Our mailing address and phone numbers remain the same.